

CITY OF GROVEPORT  
REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

February 13, 2017

**ADMINISTRATION – Marsha Hall**

***Legislation***

***Miscellaneous***

USEPA Unregulated Contaminants Monitoring Rule

USEPA has informed us that we have been selected for Assessment Monitoring under the above program. All water systems of 10,000 must participate and 800 systems under 10,000 were randomly selected to participate. We won! Costs associated with this program will be paid by USEPA. After discussion with the USEPA regarding this we have determined that 1) recent executive orders do not apply to this program, and 2) we do not have an option to “opt out” of the program. The program will run from March, 2018 through November 2020.

FEMA Mapping

We have been informed that FEMA will be performing hydrologic and hydraulic analysis over the next two years for streams within the City. The analysis will be used to determine new Special Flood Hazard Areas.

COTA Changes

We have been working with COTA to set stops for changes they will be making to the 89 line. 89 will become line 24 effective May 1, 2017. Line 24 beginning at Refugee Road will extend to Spiegel Drive. That section of the line will become a Monday through Friday rush hour route. Buses will run from 6:30am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 6:00pm. The route will now come through Groveport proper. Signs are currently being installed indicating stops.

Brenda Lovell Retirement

Brenda Lovell will be retiring, with her last day being February 15. We will be serving cake at 2:00pm that day if anyone would like to attend.

Proposed Changes to Business Income Tax Collection

Governor Kasich has proposed central collection of business income tax by the state as part of his budget. I have enclosed his release regarding this under separate cover. We do NOT believe that this will assist us for a number of reasons. In his release, Governor Kasich indicates the benefits to businesses and municipalities. We question many of his theories regarding this. The state’s current proposal is to retain 1% of the collection as their cost. We currently pay just slightly more, a little under 1.25%, to the City of Columbus. We have an excellent relationship with their taxation department, and are able to discuss any tax related issues by just picking up the phone. The Governor states there will be increased compliance and collections through enhanced screening and cross-checking. We currently contract with Bob Curtin to perform this. We do not believe that a state agency would provide as complete as the screening and cross-checking we currently have with Bob.

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We will be following this closely and making our opinions known as this is discussed further.

### Farmers Market Partnership

As you are aware a farmers market in Groveport has been attempted a few times, with little success. We currently have the opportunity to partner with the Southeastern Franklin County Chamber of Commerce for this venture. Assisting with this is Bruce Jarvis, who will be serving as Market Master. Bruce served in this same role for several years for the very successful farmers market in Canal Winchester, and has a lot of contacts.

We will be holding the market on Tuesdays from 5pm to 8pm in our greenspace at Main and Front Streets. The market season will be May 30th through September 26. The day of the week was chosen to not conflict with other markets in the area so as to provide area farmers with the opportunity for additional markets. The site was selected to bring more traffic into the downtown area, because it is close to off-street parking, and so we can continue to add to the market toward the rear of the parking lot as it grows. You can obtain additional information on the market's website that Bruce created at [www.groveportmarket.com](http://www.groveportmarket.com).

### Out of Office

I will be out of the office February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Executive Session

Please consider going into executive session to discuss personnel issues.

### Annual Report

Staff has started working on the 2016 Annual Report.

### ***Meetings; Events***

#### Meetings/Events Attended:

01/24	Assistant Golf Pro Interviews
02/08	Website administrator meeting
02/10	Meeting re. farmers market